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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE AMBASSADOR AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO BARBARA OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR ALL HER MOST EFFICIENT ASSISTANCE TO US. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROMOTION. WE WILL CERTAINLY MISS HER.
 2. WE'LL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE MEL WHENEVER HE WISHES TO COME. HIS VISIT WOULD IN NO SENSE AND AT NO TIME POSE A BURDEN.
 3. WE DON'T YET HAVE MATERIALS FOR INSPECTION, BUT THEY MAY ARRIVE IN WEEKEND POUCHES.
 4. DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP ON FUNDS FOR LANGUAGE PROGRAM.
 5. I AM MOST DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF CHARLIE MAGEE'S DECISION, SINCE WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN -- EVEN EAGER FOR -- THE JOB. NEVERTHELESS, IT DOES POINT UP AN INHERENT PROBLEM WE HAVE, AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE, UNTIL WE CAN BRING THE FORMAL RANKS AND TITLES MORE IN LINE WITH THE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES. ONE OF OUR MANY MOTIVES IN SEEKING THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR TITLES WAS TO PERMIT US TO DESIGNATE THE HEAD OF EXTERNAL AS A COUNSELOR, AND PERHAPS RAISE THE SLOT TO FSO-2. THIS SHOULD UNQUESTIONABLY HELP IN RECRUITING THE SORT
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OF PEOPLE WE NEED IN THIS KEY POSITION. AS IT IS, IT IS MOST

DIFFICULT TO COMPETE WITH OFFERS OF A DCM-SHIP, EVEN AT A SMALL POST, EVEN THOUGH WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS POSITION IS MORE CRITICAL FOR U.S.- FOREIGN POLICY FORMATION THAN AT LEAST HALF THE DEM'S IN THE SERVICE. AS FOR HEADING A SECTION, IT IS OF COURSE A SECTION, AND A LARGER POLITICAL SECTION THAN MOST EMBASSIES HAVE.
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